

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the present application, none of which has been amended.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 2 and 11 would be allowable if they were rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3-7, 10 and 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Howard* (US 4,819,801). Applicants respectfully traverse such rejection.

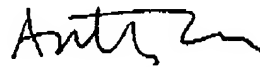
Claim 1 (and similarly Claim 10) recites "a plurality of partitions located in and mounted to the interior of the frame in a parallel configuration, each of the partitions defining a pair of adjacent, parallel slots inside the frame, each of the slots having a top, a bottom, and a pair of side walls..." Thus, each of the claimed slots within the frame includes a top, a bottom, and a pair of side walls. In contrast, *Howard's* case 10 shown in Figure 1 does not have the claimed partitions or slots. Specifically, *Howard* uses a structure 30 having paired ribs 32 to hold a device 20, but structure 30 does not have a top and a bottom, as claimed. Because the claimed invention recites novel features that are not found in *Howard*, the § 102 rejection is believed to be overcome.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-15 are currently pending in the present application. For the reasons stated above, Applicants believe that independent Claims 1 and 10 along with their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance. The remaining prior art cited by the Examiner but not relied upon has been reviewed and is not believed to show or suggest the claimed invention.

No fee or extension of time is believed to be necessary; however, in the event that any additional fee or extension of time is required for the prosecution of the present application, please charge it against IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

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